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- 25X11. Dr. Oskar Helmer, Minister of the Interior, has instructed Dr. Oswald Peterlunger, chief of the State Police Division of the Vienna Police, to take charge of the Auslaenderamt of the Vienna Police for the purpose of liquidating that office. The Auslaenderamt employs about 140 officials, most of whom are either members of the Communist Party or sympathizers, who have been cooperating with the Soviets. Two of the officials are named (fnu) Kovac and (fnu) Bollok. Peterlunger was to assume control of the Auslaenderamt not later than 20 February 1950, was immediately to dismiss half of the staff, and gradually get rid of the rest. Peterlunger claims that there are only 22 Communists remaining on the force of the Vienna State Police, and they do not occupy important positions.
2. A section leader of the KPOe named Oster*, who is one of the leading remaining Communists in the Vienna State Police, has been removed from the job he held and is now assigned to a non-essential section of the Sicherheitswache.
3. It is also reported that the number of policemen on duty in the Wirtschaftspolizei in Austria has been reduced to 35 and they will shortly be disbanded entirely.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment: According to information dated May 1947, a Harry G. Oster, a member of the KPOe, was an employee of the Business and Administrative Office of the Vienna State Police.

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